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GIBRALTAR.

*Madeira exempt from quarantine restrictions imposed on arrivals from Portuguese ports.*

GIBRALTAR, *October 16, 1899.*

*Notice.*—With reference to the second resolution of the board of health, published on the 26th of August last, it has been decided to exempt Madeira from the quarantine restrictions imposed on arrivals from Portuguese ports.

By order:

JOHN C. KING,
*Secretary to the Board of Health.*

ITALY.

*Report from Naples.*

NAPLES, ITALY, *October 19, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended October 25, 1899, bills of health were issued to the following ships:

On October 19, the steamship *Sicilia* bound with cargo for New York. On October 20, the steamship *Kaiser Wilhelm II*, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 719 steerage and 104 cabin passengers, and 864 pieces of small and 281 pieces of large baggage.

On October 21, to the steamship *Lobelia* bound in sand ballast for Mobile, Ala.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

MADAGASCAR.

*Quarantine at Tamatave.*

TAMATAVE, MADAGASCAR, *September 18, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report to the Department that quarantine has been established here since the 16th instant. But my information is to the effect that it is more the result of friction between the local board of health at Tamatave and the colonial board of health at the capital, Tananarive, than any serious renewal of the bubonic plague. There have been only a few isolated cases since the raising of the quarantine on March 2 last. Therefore I do not think it of sufficient importance to go to the expense of a cablegram. However, should it increase in virulence before the Department shall have received this dispatch, it will have been apprised by cable. Meanwhile, reports will be sent pursuant to Department circular dated October 31, 1898.

Respectfully,

M. W. GIBBS,
*United States Consul.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.